

opposing cutting edges at its upper side, said sides [edges at the lower side of said upper shearing element] directly touching each other at said edges, [at the upper side of said lower shearing element] and said tool further comprising means for rotating said elements counter to one another about [the] an axis [of the body] to apply a torsional shearing force on the body in a plane transverse to the longitudinal axis of the body, said means for rotating comprising at least one handle attached to one of said shearing elements.--

B¹ --7. (Twice Amended) The hand-held tool claimed in claim 6 wherein the shearing elements each comprises a disc having a slot, whereby the edges of said slot form said cutting edges at one side of the disc, said slot extending from the outer periphery of the disc toward the center, and narrowing toward the center and each of said discs is provided with a handle attached thereto.--

Please enter and consider the following amended claim 8 in the light of generic claim 6:

B² --8. (Amended) The hand-held tool claimed in claim 6 wherein each shearing element comprises one of a pair of forceps having jaws with cutting edges.

Please enter and consider the following new claims 12-16 based on original claims 8-10 and dependent from generic claim 6:

--12. The hand-held tool claimed in claim 7 wherein each shearing element comprises one of a pair of forceps having jaws with cutting edges.--

--13. The hand-held tool claimed in claim 6 further comprising a holder having a front surface, a guide ring attached to said holder and spaced from said front surface and a clamping device in said front surface, wherein one of said shearing elements is dimensioned to fit between said guide ring and said front surface.

B --14. The hand-held tool claimed in claim 7 further comprising a holder having a front surface, a guide ring attached to said holder and spaced from said front surface and a clamping device in said front surface, wherein one of said discs is dimensioned to fit between said guide ring and said front surface.

--15. The hand-held tool claimed in claim 6 further comprising handles attached to each of said shearing elements whereby said shearing elements can be rotated in opposite directions.

--16. The hand-held tool claimed in claim 7 further comprising handles attached to each of said discs whereby said discs can be rotated in opposite directions.

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed 7/17/97. Claims 6-7 have been amended. Claims 1-5 and 8-11 were previously withdrawn from further consideration; however, claim 6 was and is generic to claims 7-10. For that reason, and in the